

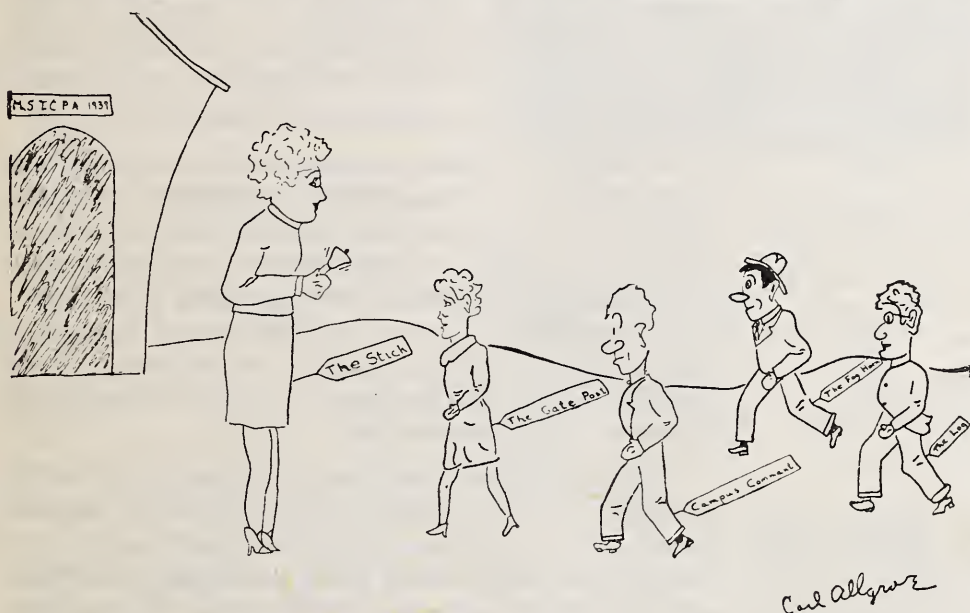
# The Stick

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Thursday, November 16, 1939

## Over 35 Here for Newspaper Conference



### Stick Sponsor of M.S.T.C.P.A. Affair

More than 35 delegates from four Teachers Colleges, in addition to the 30 members of *The Stick* staff, will be in attendance at the seventh semi-annual conference of the Association of Massachusetts State Teachers College Publications which is being held here at Fitchburg this afternoon and evening.

The publications which have membership in the association are *The Log of Salem*, a weekly paper which is under the editorship of Miss Rozelda Vernick; *Campus Comment* of Bridgewater, also a weekly which is in charge of Dave Levenson; *The Gate Post* of Framingham, which is issued every month under the direction of Miss Ruth Clampitt;

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### Conference Program

Registration 1:00  
Lobby Administration Building

Welcoming Address 1:30  
Mr. Carpenter's Room  
Emily Yauga, Editor, *The Stick*

Remarks  
Dr. Charles M. Herlihy, Pres.,  
Fitchburg Teachers College  
"College Paper and Student  
Growth"

Speaker 2:00  
Rev. William T. Murphy Jr.  
Lynn  
"Perseverence, Enthusiasm,  
Power"

Round Table Discussion 2:30  
Mr. C. W. Hague, Instructor  
in Printing; sponsor, *The  
Stick*

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### Women's Banquet November 23

The women students of Fitchburg Teachers College will hold their annual banquet in the college dining hall on Thursday, November 23, at 6 o'clock, with Ruth Lagsdin of Cambridge as toast mistress. The banquet will be followed by a dance in the library.

Louise Baldwin, of New Bedford, president of the Women's Dormitory Board and Mary Gagnon, of Pepperell, president of

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I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation in making the W. A. A. conference a success.

Ruth Hughes,  
President, W. A. A.

### Mr. Anthony Renamed N.E.I.A.T.A. Secretary

Mr. Willis B. Anthony, director of our Practical Arts department, was elected for the fifth consecutive year to serve as secretary of the New England Industrial Arts Teachers Association at the conference which was held in Portland, Maine on Nov. 3 and 4.

Members of the student body who attended the conference were Burleigh Loveitt, Jim Baker ('39), Ted Laubner, Blair MacLean, Jr., Tom Aykroyd, Russell Anderson, Leo Gittzus, Lester Aldrich (grammar master), and Herbert Downs.



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## Editorial—

Delegates, as president of your organization I welcome you to the semi-annual conference of the Association of Massachusetts State Teachers College Publications. Our hosts have planned a conference which will give us material and ideas that can be used to our advantage on our many newspapers. I hope that each of you will make yourself at home here and that you will gather much information which you may use to help raise the standards of our teachers college publications.

As a member of The Stick staff I welcome you. May I urge you to make friends and to ask questions. Take notes and then make use of them. We have planned this conference to give you:

1. A better knowledge of what other papers are doing.
2. A few helps to improve your paper.
3. New ideas.
4. An introduction to Miss Grant, the newly appointed publicity director for the State Department of Education.
5. A chance to talk, eat, and rub elbows with fellow workers in the newspaper game.
6. An opportunity to see our paper being printed.

Take advantage of your opportunities made available by this conference.

Herbert Downs,

President of M. S. T. C. P. A.

# The Ash Tray

by Roger D. Holt

*Observations:* Many a broken heart comes from biliousness and nothing else.....“Many birds can sing without opening their bills,” declares a naturalist. Maybe we’d feel more like singing if we didn’t open ours.....England’s big blackout the other night proved very popular with puppy-loving teen-aged youngsters.....the other day one of the trainers reported that one of her pupils approached her with, “Teacher, my big brother says you’re a lulu. What does that mean?”

*Sillynynms:* Banana—a cross between a skid and a cucumber.....bass fiddle—violin with pituitary glands.....clan—a lot of Scotch.....lasso—wild west manila pretzel (there’s a catch to it).....caviar—buckshot in herring juice at five dollars a pound.....cry—to open the lachrymal glands and prevail.....shell—in America: a well known brand of gasoline (cf. Mr. Anthony); in Europe: a gun projectile.

*Extempore:* One apprentice thought that relief printing was the production of old-age pension blanks.....a psychologist says there are no two people who aren’t more alike than they are different. This is a sad commentary, but it’s too late now to withdraw your membership from the human race....a man cannot paddle his own canoe if he has no canoe.....names are funny things. One is either compelled to try to live up to them or to live them down.

*Hi-hat Doffs:* To Les Aldrich, who has the right technique on eating apples (ask him for a demonstration—city boy vs. country lad).....to Dick Allen, who, when glancing down the arms embargo list, says he found diphenylaminechlorasine is among the forbidden exports. Export it! I didn’t think Dick could spell it!.....to Herb Downs, who says in dialect (ask him to sometime): “ve like a man who shpeaks der truth by us, und yet shust ash soon ash he tells us something onpleasant, ve vhas mad at him.”

*Thoughts:* Whenever you can, park by a shiny new car. The driver will try to back out without touching yours.....beefsteak has no curative value when applied to a black eye. But there’s nothing like an old-fashioned beef to be the cause of a shiner.....if it is admitted that two antagonists cannot fairly decide by brute force which side is right and which side is wrong, will someone please state how a hundred or a million men can so decide?



## Children's Theatre to Play Here Soon

Fitchburg Teachers' Association will present Clare Tree Major's Children's Theater in the production "Dick Whittington" on Monday, November 27, at 2 o'clock in the Fitchburg High Auditorium.

The Clare Tree Major's Children's Theater of Chappaqua, New York is recognized as the finest troupe of children players, and the efforts of the Teachers' Association in bringing this group to Fitchburg will be much appreciated by the city children and, indeed, the city adults.

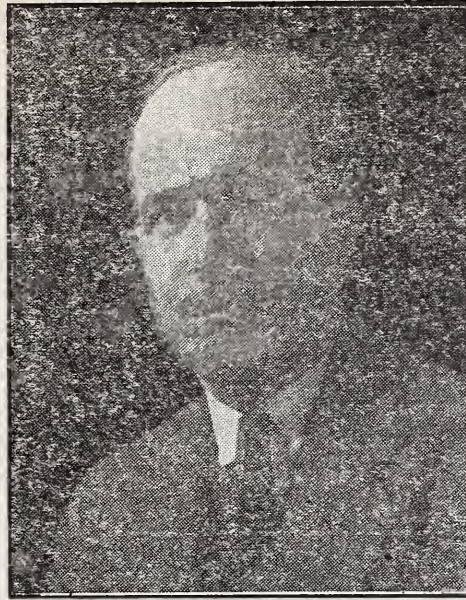
The play retells the ancient and well-loved tale of Dick Whittington and his cat. Dick was taken into the home of a well-to-do merchant where he worked under a harsh cook. Dick, one night, decided to run away but was brought back to the house by the Bow Bells which rang out to him, "Turn again, Whittington, Lord Mayor of London."

Dick's experience as a cabin-boy on the merchant's ship; his trading of his cat for an immense sum when it ate all the rats on Barbary Coast; his triumphal return to England; and, at last, his appointment as Lord Mayor of London, make a delightful story and promise an entertaining play.

Later in the season the Clare Tree Major's Children's Theater will return to the city, again under the auspices of the Teachers' Association; to present a second juvenile play, "Pocahontas."

We solicit your patronage

**The College Spa**



THE REV. WM. T. MURPHY, Jr.

## Rev. Murphy to Address Conference

"Perseverence, Enthusiasm, Power" will be the theme of the talk given by Rev. William T. Murphy, Jr. of Lynn this afternoon in Mr. Carpenter's room as part of the M. S. T. C. P. A. conference program.

Rev. Murphy is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lynn. He is editor of the Massachusetts section of "Christian World" and is president of the Massachusetts State Christian Endeavor.

He is well-known as a speaker before young people and his interest in school publications is great. He has received *The Stick* for the past two years.

Edward O'Sheasy has a position in grades seven and eight in South Royalston, Vermont.

Joseph Daniels teaches in Wayland, Mass. in grades six, seven, and eight.

Ladies and Gentlemen  
First Class Hair Cuts  
Gents' Haircuts 35c

**Boulder Barber Shop**  
Next door to the College Spa

## Assemblies, Saxifrage Feature Juniors' Meeting

Hubert Edmonds was elected representative to the assembly committee and a board of three members, consisting of Walter Pierce, Rowe Nevin, and John Mulski, was appointed by the class to attend the Saxifrage meetings for the rest of the year at the junior class meeting which was held Monday.

Although in previous years, the classes were represented by two members in the assembly Committee, only one member was elected by each class this year.

In having a committee study the proceedings of the Saxifrage meetings, the junior class will be better acquainted with the organization and business of the year-book and will find the attendance of these three members very beneficial when the class has charge of the Sax next year.

## Log of The Conventionites

Following is the log compiled by members who attended the Industrial Arts conference in Maine last week:

Four of us left at 4 p. m. with Aykroyd and no spare....four more left after the play in Downs' hack....3:00 a. m.—frosty fields thought to be lakes till discovered to be running up hill....4:30 a. m. —invade Burleigh's camp—air raid on slumbering occupants....early to bed as the sun rose—crowing poultry keeps Downs awake....up at 7:00 and off to Portland for Industrial Arts Convention.... P. A. men go wild over General Shop as Gittzus breaks four year silence and speaks....Loveitt entertains royally with General Shop sandwich, including whole loaf of bread, split lengthwise, and filled with tomatoes, peppers (green), garlic, black olives, salami, lubricated with olive oil—a true General

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# Varied Program Carried On at Women's Athletic Conference Held Here

## Dean Hermann Principal Speaker

Dean Ernst Hermann of Boston University's Sargent College gave an inspirational lecture to the assembled teachers College students and delegates to the Women's Athletic Association conference Friday morning. Stressing the integration of physical and mental development, Dean Hermann traced the history of physical education activity and outlined the reasons for its necessity as an essential part of the school program. Describing the transition from indoor to outdoor gym classes, he said, "I would rather take nature for my guide." The out-of-door stimulus is necessary for complete use of muscles which are virtually dormant in the classrooms.

"The solution of the leisure problem is the greatest social need that we have", he said. The question of what the students are to do with the 82 hours of leisure was stressed as the essential question in the planning of new things for them to do in spare time—the development of the will to do worthwhile things. "Environment", said Dean Hermann, "provides stimulation to interest." The machine has done away almost entirely with the creative instinct. It must be re-developed so that the individual will do useful, constructive things in his leisure hours not because he has to but because he wants to. He must learn to do by doing.

Sports must be so integrated with education, that they will fit the individual and aid him in equipping himself for the problems he will have to face in later life.

Dean Hermann brought his subject to a close with the words, "No human progress is possible without physical fitness."

## Co-ed Recreation Conference Theme

Miss Helen Trainor, president of the A. A. of Lowell gave a very detailed survey report on "How co-recreation can be carried on in a non-co-educational college." She cited three successful instances at which co-recreational activities were carried on at Lowell.

Lowell conclusions as to the contributions of co-educational recreation to College Life are: A co-educational sports program (1) unifies the college, (2) fosters leadership and good sportsmanship, (3) establishes a learning process, (4) enables one to discover and apply similar interests, (5) all working together, (6) can take the place of commercial entertainment, and (7) establishes a firm basis for marriage.

Miss Ruth Hughes, Fitchburg A. A. president gave a brief report on the Fitchburg organization and carrying out of plans for co-recreation last year and plans made to improve the program this year.

At the business meeting held later in the Recreation Room it was decided to hold the next conference at Bridgewater.

## F.T.C. Soccer Team Wins 3, Loses 2, Ties 1

The first soccer season under Coach Kulcinski proved to be very successful. F. T. C. won three games, tied one and lost two. Kosciusko was the leading scorer.

### SUMMARY

F. T. C.	Opponent	
1	Alumni	2
5	Arnold	2
4	Nichols Jr. College	4
1	Am. International	2
2	Springfield J. V's.	0
2	Bridgewater T. C.	1

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## W.A.A. Delegates Hold Skating Party

Roller skating was enjoyed on Saturday morning at Whalom Park. Over fifty girls were able to roll skates after "rolling the barrel" the night before at the Barn Dance. The manager had several novelty skates planned which gave beginners practice in learning how to stop because if they stopped at the right time they received a prize. An exhibition on how to waltz gracefully on roller skates was given by the instructors, also how to foxtrot and clown—which most of us could do without even trying. In spite of many tumbles and falls the skating party was a success and a new idea for entertainment was given to many of the delegates.

## Hockey W.A.A. Sports Feature

The yelling yellow puck-whackers toppled the bruising blues from the undefeated class in a 5 to 1 victory at Edgerly Field Friday, Nov. 10.

The faculty and delegates of the seven teacher's colleges were divided on the field into yellow and blue teams.

Fleet footed, hard hitting, stick swinging Lil Szocik led the yellows to an easy victory.

Eleanor Chase of Salem added a goal to Lil Szocik's four while Ruth Hughes prevented the blues from being totally whitewashed by giving them a goal.

Kieth, Blood	r.w.	Bolger
Szocik	i.r.	Connelly
Crean	c.f.	Taylor
Garrey	i.l.	Hughes
Chase	l.w.	Trainer
Kingman	r.h.	Keane
Moriarty	c.h.	Weston
Dacy	l.h.	Mayer
Safford	r.b.	Gourville
Baldwing	l.b.	Decker
Black	g	B. Pierson



# Campus Chatter

Paging Mr. Webster—

A myth is a female moth.

A swain is a female swan.

The wife of a Duke is a Ducky.

A spinster is a bachelor's wife.

The wife of a marquis is a may-onnaise.

Bigamy is a case of two rites making a wrong.

Activity program—The pupils go round and round.

Professional—Using big words about small matters.

A millenium is something like a centennial only it has more legs.

Exam—Means by which professors amuse themselves in their spare time.

A husband is usually a man of few wads.

Never, never drop a girl who's Dynamite.

Eat, drink, and be merry; for tomorrow you diet.

Indians should like football because it's heap fun.

The coffin at the funeral was carried by six polar bears.

Learning to tap dance by mail certainly takes a lot of stamps.

I wonder how powerful Chick's "curve of force" was Friday . .

Are you a college man?

No, a horse stepped on my hat.

In case of fire, all Freshmen sit still. Green things don't burn.

A woman's brain weighs almost as much as the human brain.

Do you use tooth paste?

Why? None of my teeth are loose.

Russell Gearin has been dubbed "The Autocrat of the Dinner Table."

If kissing is a lost art, perhaps that's the reason for so many collectors.

Soda-water is written as two

separate words joined together by a siphon.

Getting a man to kiss you is easy—all you need is a little come-on sense.

Counting sheep in order to fall asleep is just pulling the wool over your eyes.

One Siamese twin to another: "You must have had a swell time last night. I look a wreck today."

The only person who has any use for a man with cold feet is a hot water bottle manufacturer.

Henry even has that killer-dil-lerous look in his eyes now. Gaze into my eyes, my pretty maiden!

Tony figures that if he tries hard he might get ahead.

Funny, but we thought he had one.

The "Great Segan" carries on—  
We still think Frank Onischuk looked like a motorcycle policeman.

Although Cousins likes doughnuts, those three doughnuts last week didn't even tempt him. Why???

New Spa fixtures—Mary W. and ??? We don't even know "who" is. What's the big secret, Mary???

How about a little kiss?

No, I've got scruples.

That's all right. I've been vaccinated.

My erstwhile love has gone,  
But oh, I pray some wiser she  
Will hand him out  
The selfsame line he handed out  
to me

"Skip" carries on—

Besides the predominance of tortoise shell glasses around this year, have you noticed the variety of "loud" bow ties?

Emily says that love-making is the same as it always was—the other night she read about a Greek maiden who sat and listened to a lyre all evening.

"You done kissed mah daughter," thundered the hill-billy pappy. The city slicker lifted

his lips and sneered, "Go 'way. I ain't done. I'm only half finished."

"Take my advice", young men are told,

"And ever let it rule your life." 'Twas ever thus, through ages old;

Experience they gained through strife,

The wise old men have passed along

To younger men who cannot see  
The value of their counsel strong;  
Although their need is plain to me.

At times, indeed, the young men ask

Advice they never do intend  
To follow, in the simplest task,  
Unless it really suits their end.  
Advice is something proffered  
ever,  
Sought but seldom, followed  
never!

Marcus Aurelius says, "Not to do likewise is the best revenge."

Let the Freshmen consider the implication of this poem, and strive "not to do likewise."

From the Worcester Evening Gazette, November 9, 1939—

(Fitchburg) At a recent meeting of the Grand Council of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Order of the Sons of Italy in America, Joseph Adams of 172 Chester Street, this city, was appointed Grand Deputy of District 50, which includes the Regioni d'Italia Lodge No. 185 of Leominster and the Armando Diaz Lodge No. 1790 of Athol.

Fourteen new members are: William Burns of West Springfield, James Brennan and Hubert Edmonds of Worcester, William Foye of Lowell, Ralph Gray of Grafton, Joseph Lalli of Maynard, William Roberts and Anthony Tasca of Fitchburg, Al Shinner of Methuen, William Sullivan of Watertown, Arthur Hopgood of Brockton, John James of Bennington, Vt., and William Kon-savage of Everett.



## Newspaper

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The *Fog Horn* of Hyannis, which is published every month and whose editor is John Doyle; and *The Stick* of Fitchburg.

The Association, which was organized in Fitchburg in May, 1936, has as its objective the fostering, development, and elevation of the State Teachers College press in Massachusetts. The meeting in the fall of 1936 was held in Salem, where the constitution was drawn up. In the spring of 1937, Bridgewater sponsored the conference and in the fall of the same year, the association was brought back to Fitchburg. The conferences in 1938 were held at Framingham and at Salem. The meeting which was to be held in Bridgewater last spring was postponed.

The interest of the members in the association has always been great and a large delegation was present at every conference. Now, for the third time, *The Stick* will again bring together the newspapers of these colleges to discuss their problems and to enlarge upon the relationship which exists among them.

Herbert B. Downs is president of the association and Emily C. Yauga is secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Downs, in his association with *The Stick* has served as news editor, associate editor, and last year as editor. He was a delegate to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association conference at Columbia University in 1938 and 1939. He is now editor-in-chief of the yearbook *Saxifrage*, and is still on the staff of the college paper.

Miss Yauga is present editor of *The Stick*. Her position on the staff is significant in that she is the first woman to direct the paper. Last year, she served as secretary and as news editor and was a delegate to the convention at Columbia University.

Assisting the president and secretary in planning the confer-

## Women's Banquet

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the Commuting Women's Board are general chairmen of the banquet.

Committees in charge are: invitations, M. Gibbons, H. Gibbons, M. Clougherty; seating, V. Kenney, V. Bruso; song sheets, B. Baldwin, F. Hazel, M. Killelea; decorations, V. Hamilton, D. Dahlquist, F. Merritt. A. Gay, G. Johnson; decorations of library, M. Moore, J. Rice; menu, V. Sullivan, L. Grill; place cards, G. Gaudet, G. Hermanson, E. Charrier; orchestra, D. Sears; dance orders, H. Hartnett, J. Whitmore; reception of guests, C. Andrews, B. Cleaves, D. Dahlquist.

## Soccer

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### Individual Scoring

Koscuisko	7
Vorse	4
Brennan	1
Smith	1
Tasca	1
Konsavage	1

Edith Bixby is teaching the fifth grade of the Rogers School in Fairhaven, Mass.

Edith Buckingham has the first and second grades in Shirley Center, Mass.

Henry Lambert at Orleans, Mass. is instructor in General Shop in the seventh and eighth grades and in high school.

ence were Rowe Nevin, associate editor, in charge of general organization; Miss Helen Gibson, housing; Miss Sirkka Waris, banquet; and Roger D. Holt, printing.

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## Conventionites

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Shop sandwich....delegates accept convention cigars—Loveitt and MacLean overcome....new mathematical equation derived: 4 B. S. equals 2 M. S. equals Ph. D....back to Loveitt's refrigeration plant for the night....Aykroyd and MacLean flip flapjacks for breakfast....back to Portland for more Industrial Arts...Downs and Aykroyd walk off with floor prizes....Downs wins paint, as if he didn't have enough in his hair....invasion of Gorham Normal shops....Aldrich observing traffic light; quote stopped by state police for not the officer: "The light was off, but if it was on it would have been red, therefore you should have stopped.".....Aykroyd comes close—as usual—to oncoming car, removing the gloss from the paint...hills, dales, and detours to a Maine barn dance...Aykroyd repulsed.....Gittzus found praying over crockery.... fire stirs up hornets' nest...Downs chases Baker through neighbor's front yard in pajamas....160 miles home in downpour and wind....Baker's car leaves road and lands on telephone pole....from Jim's car stumbles Leo Gittzus mumbling about Auto Mechanics and its place in General Shop....more fun, more things wrecked.

## Conference Program

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<b>Business Meeting</b>	4:00
Miss Nixon's Room	
Herbert B. Downs, Pres., Ass.	
Mass. State Teachers College Publications	
Miss Mildred Grant, Publicity Director, Dept. of Education	
"My Relationship with the State Teachers College Publications"	
<b>Visit to Print Shop</b>	4:30
<b>Banquet</b>	6:00
Whalom Women's Club	
<b>After-Dinner Dancing</b>	